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## SON ACCUSES FATHER.

### BRIBERY CHARGES IN WEST VIRGINIA PREVENT ELECTION.

Chilton is Elected, However, Democrats Not Waiting for Return of Republican Senators.

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 24.—Contrary to general expectation, before the Republican senators who returned this morning from Cincinnati could settle their differences with the Democratic members of the upper chamber, the West Virginia legislature today proceeded to the election of the two United States senators. On the first ballot, W. E. Chilton, Democratic nominee, received 62 votes, three more than enough to elect, and Clarence Watson was two short, with 57 votes.

None of the Republican members of the legislature voted. The 15 senators of that party were absent from the upper chamber, and the Republicans in the lower house were recorded as "not voting."

Excitement was created in the house when Nelson C. Hubbard (Democrat), son of Congressman Hubbard, and ten followers, bolted the meeting. Mr. Hubbard declared the Watson nomination had been secured through bribery in the caucus. He nominated J. W. Davis, congressman-elect from the first district. This was seconded by Mr. Robinson of Harrison county, who made a speech along the same lines as Mr. Hubbard. When put to a vote Watson received 51, Davis 10, Edmondson 4. In the senate, with the Republicans absent, the 16 votes were scattered among eight candidates. Mr. Watson receiving six. This gives him 57 on joint ballot, with 59 necessary to a choice.

C. W. Campbell of Huntington was nominated in the house by Mr. Hubbard for the other vacancy, and five bolted with him. Mr. Campbell declined on the ground that he was out of the running since he had been turned down by the caucus and asked the members to vote for Mr. Chilton. Mr. Chilton accordingly received the necessary number to elect. In the senate the vote was scattered, but Mr. Chilton led.

After the votes were counted Democratic members announced that an investigation of the bribery charges would be made.

### TAFT FOR MERCHANT MARINE.

President Says Country is Ready for Encouraging Legislation—Hopes for Quick Action.

Washington, Jan. 24.—President Taft, addressing the delegates to the National Merchant Marine congress today at the White House, declared that not only was the country ready for the creation of a merchant marine, but congress had discussed the measure long enough to act on it promptly. The president said he hoped the presence of the delegates in Washington would have its effect on the members of congress in the immediate passage of some kind of merchant marine legislation.

### A. J. BETHEA CODE COMMISSIONER.

Elected Over Two Opponents With A Big Majority.

Columbia, Jan. 25.—For code commissioner, the term being 10 years and the pay \$500 per annum the joint assembly elected this afternoon Andrew J. Bethea, now chief clerk in the engineering department.

The vote was as follows:

Bethea, 107, W. H. Townsend 16, J. C. McLeure 36. Bethea is a native of Dillon county and a graduate of Furman university and was private secretary to Gov. Ansel throughout his four years administration.

Pinkney Bethea, a student of Claflin University, Orangeburg, accidentally killed himself Sunday while handling a pistol.

## BLEASE DEMANDS PROBE.

### GOVERNOR WANTS WIND-UP COMMISSION INVESTIGATED.

He Specifies Numerous Matters That Need Explanation and By Direct Implication Charges Commission With Serious Wrong Doing.

Special to The Daily Item.

Columbia, Jan. 24.—Governor Blease sent to the legislature this afternoon an electrifying message, demanding a searching investigation of the whole official course of the dispensary winding-up commission and mentioning numbers of specific transactions which he says will bear looking into.

He refers to a meeting just after his nomination at which the commission is alleged to have discussed him thoroughly. Among the matters he wants investigated are:

What became of the large amount of alcohol on hand when the commission took charge?

What salary or fees has each member of the commission received?

Has any member, especially the chairman (Dr. W. J. Murray) drawn pay for services on Sunday or services not actually rendered or expenses not actually incurred?

How much cash has been turned over?

How much has been paid out?

What is left as profit for the people?

What criminal cases have been compromised and what was the basis of the compromises?

Has the attorney general received any money?

Why did the commission keep the Clark whiskey, which the old board was dismissed for buying.

Did Clark rebate the present commission? If so, where is that money?

How much more than \$5,000 did Farnum pay? Where is it?

What were the conditions of the Goodman and Fleischman compromises?

What arrangement was effected between the commission and Hub Evans and John Gary Evans for information furnished?

Why were not other members of various boards of control indicted?

What became of the report by detectives on certain members of the house and senate?

What were Felder's fees, and why was he not prosecuted for representing liquor houses, being favored with dispensary orders and paying rebates thereon?

What criminal prosecutions have been brought, who has been convicted and what has it cost the State?

Bleasure says he believes a thorough investigation of the whole matter will give great satisfaction to the public and show that the commission has cost the State a great deal more than the State lost through the dispensary system.

### BLEASE DROPS FOUR DIRECTORS

Bonham, Cante, Lyon and Jones Left Off Confederate Infirmary Board.

Columbia, Jan. 23.—Governor Blease did not reappoint four members of the commission charged with the administration of the affairs of the Confederate Infirmary.

He has announced the following members of the commission: Robert A. Thompson, Walhalla; D. A. Dickert, Newberry; T. B. Crews, Laurens; H. W. Richardson, Barnwell, and F. S. Earle, Columbia. Col. Robert Thompson is the only member of the old board to be retained.

The members of the old commission who were not reappointed are Gen. M. L. Bonham, E. B. Cante, Judge Fuller Lyon and Willie Jones.

### ADOPT OFFICIAL GRADES.

Cotton Belt Takes Kindly to Government's Uniform System.

Washington, Jan. 23.—A uniform system of grading cotton practically has been adopted throughout the cotton belt. A statement issued today by the department of agriculture, shows that twenty States already have availed themselves of the official grades of cotton, issued by the department, and they are being used in every cotton producing and cotton manufacturing section of the country.

As a basis of their operation, the cotton exchanges of New Orleans, Memphis, St. Louis, Natchez, Little Rock and Charleston formally have adopted the official cotton grades. That a universal system of cotton grading will be adopted throughout the country is regarded now as certain.

## LUKE LEA ELECTED SENATOR.

### PROHIBITION EDITOR CHOSEN UNITED STATES SENATOR.

His Sudden Entrance Into the Field at Psychological Moment Sweeps All Before It.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 23.—Striking at the psychological moment today won for Luke Lea, editor of The Tennessean, the United States senatorship in the fight before the legislature over the seat soon to be vacated by James B. Frazier. At 1 o'clock this morning Mr. Lea said he would not allow his name to be used today—at 11 a. m. today the fusionists had decided to vote solidly for one candidate, but for whom they did not know. At 11:30 they had decided to drop B. A. Enloe, whom they had been supporting, and go to Mr. Lea who had just given his consent to being put in the race. He was nominated at 12:30.

When the last name had been called on the roll call of the joint session, he lacked one vote but a member who had refused to vote went into the Lea column and later two were changed, giving him two more than the necessary 66 to elect. Mr. Lea is 32 years old and will have the honor of being the "baby" senator and of holding his first public office.

His election came on the 11th ballot. McMillin polled 48 votes.

When the final vote was taken the hall of representatives was jammed with people as were the corridors leading to it. When it was announced Lea had won an animated scene followed. The many women in the crowd vied with the men in the noise making and filling the air with almost anything they could throw.

The victory of Lea is one for prohibition and a distinct defeat to the Patterson wing of the party. Though never holding an office, Lea has been a hard fighter for prohibition and has taken part in local fights on the side of what was usually termed the reformers.

### STING OF THE HORNET REMOVED.

Violation of Neutrality Laws Reason For Vessel's Detention by U. S. S. Tacoma.

Cebu, Honduras, Jan. 21.—Great excitement was caused here today when it became known that the United States cruiser Tacoma had "arrested" the revolutionary boat Hornet at Truxino.

The Hornet is being "detained" on instructions from Washington because of alleged violation of the neutrality laws.

It is not known what effect the seizure of the Hornet will have on Bonilla's operations. Reports have reached here that for more than a week he has been mobilizing troops at Neuva Armenia, 28 miles east of here, preparatory to an attack on this place. Ceiba appears to have more generals, captains and other minor military of case than ordinary soldiers and the government has experienced considerable trouble in securing loyal privates. Durable trenches have been built on the outskirts of Ceiba and the government officials express their ability to defend the town.

### BEATTIE DECLINES TO RESIGN.

Puts It Up to Wickersham to Remove Him if It is so Decided.—No Action Taken.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Charlton B. Beattie, United States district attorney at New Orleans, has refused to accede to Attorney General Wickersham's request that he resign, and has notified the department of justice.

No action had been taken late today, but it was said the usual custom followed in such cases was to send the nomination of a successor to the senate. Mr. Beattie's removal would be accomplished by the confirmation of his successor.

Mr. Beattie's resignation was asked following criticism of the attorney general's decision in the New Orleans clearing house case.

### CAPT. GRIFFIN REELECTED.

A Trustee for Winthrop and One for Clemson to Be Elected.

Columbia, Jan. 25.—Without opposition, Capt. Davis Jefferson Griffin, of Lexington, was today reelected by the joint assembly as Superintendent of the State penitentiary.

This evening the joint assembly will elect a trustee for Winthrop college vice A. M. Lee, deceased, and a trustee for Clemson college, vice Jesse Hardin, deceased.

## LEVER MAY HEAD COMMITTEE.

### SAID TO BE SLATED FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF AGRICULTURE.

Understood, However, That South Carolinian is in Line for the Position.

Washington, Jan. 23.—While the new ways and means committee of the next house of representatives, which is also to act as committee on committees, has not given an intimation as to when it will announce the personnel of the other committees or who the chairman of other committees will be, it is said to have been definitely settled that Congressman A. F. Lever of South Carolina is to be the chairman of the committee on agriculture.

Mr. Lever has been a member of the house committee on agriculture for several years and has become familiar with the work of the committee, so that he is considered a competent and practical man for the place. The committee on agriculture is one of the important committees of house, and while there are other applicants for it, the opinion prevails that Mr. Lever will obtain the place.

## BACK AT BLEASE.

### ANDERSON DENOUNCES SLURS CAST ON FELDER.

Partner of Felder Says Charges Are False—Declares Insinuations in Governor's Message Which Refer to Felder Are Absolutely Untrue.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 25.—Clifford L. Anderson, law partner of Thomas R. Felder, in the latter's absence from Atlanta, today made a statement in reference to the dispatch from Columbia, in which Governor Blease is quoted as inquiring why Felder "was not prosecuted when it was found that he was the attorney for a liquor house and was favored with liquor purchases and rebates were paid for these purchases."

The statement is as follows:

"Since the Goodman and Fleischman compromises referred to were also made under the advice and through the instrumentality of Mr. Felder, I assume that the governor's reference to these matters and demand that they be inquired into, is likewise an attempt to reflect upon Mr. Felder.

"Throughout the entire course of the investigation of the South Carolina State dispensary and the disposition of the matters connected therewith by the winding-up commission I have been closely associated with Mr. Felder, and am familiar with all the facts connected therewith.

"Mr. Felder is out of the city, and in his behalf I desire to say that the charges and insinuations contained in the governor's message, which refer to Mr. Felder, are absolutely untrue and without foundation in fact.

"If Gov. Blease has been informed by any person that there are existing facts giving foundation to these charges he has been wilfully misled by designing persons, who probably have felt the weight of the law, growing out of their own nefarious transactions with the State dispensary, and seek this method of revenge."

### BANK PRESIDENTS ARRESTED.

General Willie Jones and Mr. W. A. Clark Served With Papers Sworn out by L. L. Clyburn of Kershaw.

Columbia, Jan. 26.—General Willie Jones, president of the Palmetto National bank, and Mr. Washington A. Clark, president of the Carolina National bank, were this afternoon served with papers by Sheriff Coleman of Richland county who acted on the authority of a warrant issued by Magistrate J. H. Jordan of Kershaw county. The warrant alleges that Messrs. Jones and Clark, together with John Y. Garlington, as officers in the Seminole Securities company, obtained from L. L. Clyburn a note for fifteen hundred dollars for stock in the Seminole company. Clyburn alleges misrepresentation on the part of Jones and Clark. Bond was furnished in the sum of \$1,000 each.

Phillip O. Parnalee now holds the American record for endurance flight, he having remained in the air for 3 hours, 39 minutes and 45 and 1-5 seconds in one flight.

Gov. Blease has commuted the sentence of Bud Humes, who was under sentence to be hanged at Gaffney, to life imprisonment.

Thos. E. Wise, a prominent young farmer of Horry county, was shot from ambush Saturday night, but escaped with slight injury.

## SHORT AND UGLY.

### GRACE AND MORDECAI CREATE DISORDERLY SCENE.

Lawyers Meet Again in Adjoining Office When Suggestions of Using "Hot Lead" Are Made.

Charleston, Jan. 23.—A lively wrangle between the lawyers, Messrs. Grace and Mordecai, with the exchange of epithets marked the hearing today of the will case of the late Michael C. O'Neill in the probate court, necessitated the adjournment of the court, on account of the confusion, but not until Sheriff M. Capt. Edmund Kemble was the witness stand on cross-examination. A question of an original paper in the case precipitated a discussion between the attorneys which then became personal between Messrs. Grace and Mordecai. The case will be called for hearing tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Attorney Smith representing Mr. Mordecai asked for the production one of the original papers in the case in the possession of Messrs. Logan and Grace, attorneys for the Misses O'Neill, bringing the remark from Mr. Grace that he feared to let it leave his custody.

Mr. Smith inquired to know if Mr. Grace meant to infer that he would steal it, which Mr. Grace denied as to Mr. Smith, and when Mr. Mordecai who was at the side of his counsel asked if the attorney referred to him. Mr. Grace said that he did. Mr. Mordecai then called Mr. Grace a liar.

Mr. Grace attempted to reach him and the disturbance occurred which brought about the suspension of the court for the day, with the probate judge sending for the sheriff to restore order.

In an adjoining office and in the corridor of the building the lawyers came together but no blow was passed. According to Mr. Grace he demanded an apology which was refused unless he would retract the charge of theft. Mr. Mordecai suggested "a meeting outside of the State" while Mr. Grace wanted to have a fistfight settlement. Mr. Mordecai said that he was not physically able to meet Mr. Grace when Mr. Grace expressed a willingness to use "hot lead." Serious trouble was however averted.

The lawyers in the case refused to make a statement, save Mr. Grace who said that the charge grew out of the recent disappearance of the Mordecai will and declaration of trust from the office of the clerk of the supreme court until the probate judge ruled recently that the papers should be again proved, when the papers were suddenly found and forwarded to Charleston.

### JOHN LAURENS PORTRAIT.

Joint Committee Will Invite Woodrow Wilson to Deliver an Oration.

The committee to arrange for the presentation of the portrait of John Laurens consists of W. C. Irby, Jr., of Laurens, F. B. Gary of Abbeville, and T. B. Fraser of Sumter. The senate members are J. H. Wharton of Laurens and W. L. Mauldin of Greenville.

The committee is in correspondence by wire with Woodrow Wilson, governor of New Jersey, asking him to be present and deliver an oration on the occasion of the presentation.

### LIFE SENTENCE FOR KILLING KETCHELL.

Goldie Smith and Walter Dibley Convicted of Murder for Slaying Noted Prize Fighter.

Marshfield, Mo., Jan. 24.—Guilty of murder in the first degree was the verdict returned today by the jury in the case of Walter A. Dibley and Goldie Smith, charged with the murder of Stanley Ketchel, pugilist. Sentences of life imprisonment were recommended for each defendant.

The jury was out seven hours.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS REELECTED.

Same Penitentiary Board as Formerly Were Elected Today.

Columbia, Jan. 25.—The former incumbents were elected today for the three vacancies on the board of directors of the State penitentiary. The incumbents were A. K. Sanders, of Sumter, Jasper Smith, of Colleton and John G. Mobley of Fairfield, with former representative O. D. A. Wilson, of Barnwell. Those elected were Mobley, Sanders and Smith.

## NEGRO LYNCHED AND BURNED.

### DISPATCH FROM VERA, GA., TELLS OF CRIME.

William Johnson Said to Have Been Slain at Mob's Hands for Killing Brakeman.

Augusta, Jan. 23.—What appears to be a reliable information that William Johnson, a negro, charged with the murder of Brakeman Humphrey, who was killed early Sunday morning, was riddled with bullets and later burned, was contained in a special dispatch from that town to The Chronicle tonight.

According to the statement received here, after shooting Humphreys when he left the train to go to his home, Johnson made an effort to escape. So hotly was he pursued that he gave himself up to the authorities of the town and was placed in jail. Hardly had an hour passed when a mob numbering about 50 men appeared at the jail, overpowered the guard and forcibly took the negro several miles out of town, stringing him up to a tree. The body was then riddled with bullets.

A fire of brush was then kindled and when the flames had reached sufficient intensity it is said, the negro's body was hurled into them and almost totally consumed.

### BLEASE KEEPS HIS COUNSEL.

Matter of Liquor Constables Still in The Air.

Columbia, Jan. 23.—It was stated at the Governor's office today that there was no announcement to make as to the appointment of constables and detectives to enforce the dispensary laws of the State. The proclamation revoking the commissions of every State and county constable and detective in South Carolina went into effect today. It is thought that possibly Governor Blease will leave the enforcement of the law to the judges and sheriffs.

It was stated at the Secretary of State's office that hundreds of applications had been received from those desiring to be notaries public under the new system. There is a measure pending in the General Assembly to meet the requirements for the office as outlined by the Governor. No appointments will be made until some sort of legislation as to requirements and length of the term of the office has been passed. This was stated in the proclamation.

There are many callers at the office of Chief Executive, as is the usual custom, following the inauguration of a new Governor. Many of the visitors come to extend congratulations and others to talk official business. There were several callers today, who have had previous service as officers of the law and some who have done some detective work.

### R. E. CAPERS ELECTED JUDGE.

Orangeburg Man Chosen to Succeed Judge Dantzler on First Ballot.

Columbia, Jan. 25.—A joint assembly, entering into elections at noon, chose Probate Judge R. E. Capers, of Orangeburg, for Judge of the first judicial circuit, to succeed Charles Glover Dantzler, deceased. Other candidates were Solicitor P. T. Hildebrand, Attorney T. Otter Reed, of St. George and Attorney Octavius Cohen, of Charleston. The total vote cast was 163, necessary to a choice 62. For Capers 55, for Hildebrand 52, for Reed 22, for Cohen 3.

### U. R. BROOKS, JR., STEPS DOWN.

Bleasure Appoints Newberry Man Electrician at Salary of \$1,073 Per Year.

Columbia, Jan. 23.—T. C. Boozer, a young man from Newberry, has been appointed State electrician at a salary of \$1,073 a year, by Governor Blease. This announcement follows a letter of dismissal to U. R. Brooks, Jr., of this city, who is one of the most capable electricians in the State, and who has held the position for several years. When Governor Blease was elected Mr. Brooks addressed a letter to him, stating that he would retire with the administration of Governor Ansel. The duties of the State electrician are to see that the State House is properly lighted.

John D. Williams, a well known farmer of Greenville county, committed suicide Sunday morning.

Ted Finch was killed in Abbeville county Sunday night by Coleman Rodgers, both colored.